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# S. CON. RES. 56

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas mutual cultural understanding and appreciation helps to advance the overall bilateral relationship between the United States and China;

Whereas Chinese cultural achievements have enriched the world for over 5,000 years;

Whereas Chinese artists both in China and in the United States have excelled in music, dance, fashion, theater, film, and the visual arts;

Whereas the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is hosting a month-long celebration of Chinese cultural contributions at the Festival of China in October 2005;

Whereas the event, with more than 50 performances and exhibitions and over 800 artists, will be the largest festival in the history of the Kennedy Center;

Whereas the Kennedy Center characterizes the Festival of China as “the largest celebration of Chinese performing arts in American history”;

Whereas events like the Festival of China, along with efforts to promote educational and scientific cooperation between the United States and China, further mutual understanding between our two societies;

Whereas publicly- and privately-funded exchange programs and other forms of Sino-American contacts foster positive relations; and

Whereas cultural events like the Festival of China help strengthen diplomatic, commercial, and political cooperation between the United States and China: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2       *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3           (1) the diverse array of cultural contributions  
4           made by Chinese artists based in China, the United  
5           States, and around the world benefit the entire  
6           international community;

7           (2) the Kennedy Center, along with the Chinese  
8           Ministry of Culture, should be commended for pro-  
9           moting Chinese achievement in the arts at the Fes-  
10          tival of China;

11          (3) the significant undertaking and efforts nec-  
12          essary to organize the Festival of China provides a  
13          unique opportunity for bilateral cooperation;

14          (4) building upon the Festival of China, additional  
15          efforts that promote cultural understanding between  
16          the United States and China should be encouraged;

17          (5) the United States and China should work to  
18          promote cultural, as well as scientific and edu-  
19          cational, cooperation between the two countries;

1           (6) the United States and China should continue  
2           to promote exchange programs, such as the Festival  
3           of China, as a vital tool for advancing mutual under-  
4           standing and cooperation between the people of the  
5           United States and the people of China; and

6           (7) the hundreds of performers and individuals  
7           who have contributed their time and effort to make  
8           this landmark celebration of Chinese culture and the  
9           arts a success are to be congratulated.

Passed the Senate November 1, 2005.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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Expressing appreciation for the contribution of Chinese art and culture and recognizing the Festival of China at the Kennedy Center.